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M'KINLEY AND LEE

The President Has a Long Confer-

ence with Consul Gen. Lee This

Morning—Alger Present.

LEE DOES NOT MINCE MATTERS.

At the Request of the President He Will

Return to Havana and Re-

sume the Duties of

His Office.

Washington, Sept. 18.—General Lee,

consul general to Cuba, had a long con-

sultation with the president today by spe-

cial appointment. All visitors were ex-

cluded except Secretary Alger. General

Lee carefully reviewed the situation in

Cuba and explained at length all points

upon which either the president or the

secretary asked information. General

Lee gave his own views very freely to the

president, but after, in an interview, was

very reticent about the report he made.

He said the president had not given him

an outline of his policy. It is evident,

however, that the president was deeply

impressed with the critical character of

the situation as described by General Lee

and it is understood that he strongly

urged General Lee to retain his office, at

least for the present, and return to Ha-

vana at his earliest convenience. As it

has been strongly intimated for several

months that Ex-Congressman Aldrich

would succeed General Lee and the latter

would probably not return, the president's

action today is construed to mean that he

thinks it inadvisable to make any change

at this juncture. General Lee left this

afternoon for Covington, Va., but before

his departure he admitted he would return

to Cuba, as soon as he has arranged his

private affairs, probably about the middle

of October. In private conversation with

close personal friends General Lee ex-

pressed himself vigorously as to the situa-

tion in Cuba, and was very emphatic in

condemnation of Weyler's methods.

SYSTEMIC SWINDLER CAUGHT.

Express Officials Arrest a Man Who De-

frauded Merchants.

Macomb, Ill., Sept. 18.—Supt. W. R.

Bresle and Route Agent K. D. Gross, of

the Pacific Express company, yesterday

captured a man who is suspected of whole-

sale frauds. Mr. Bresle says that for

some time large wholesale houses of Chi-

cago have been receiving forged express

money orders on the Pacific Express com-

pany. The orders were sent from differ-

ent towns where this company operates

and passed through the exchange office

and back to the express company, where

the forgery would be discovered.

Saturday last Roe Bros., of Chicago, re-

ceived one of these orders, and, in compli-

ance with instructions of the company, sent

a blank package to New Philadel-

phia, this county, the apparent agent ac-

companying it. When the package arrived

at the village the man who called

for it was arrested. He gave his name as

Charles Hamilton, and claimed to be from

Philadelphia, Pa. He was taken to Bush

well, where an examination took place,

and he was held under \$1000 bond on the

charge of forgery and \$800 bond on the

charge of larceny. In default he was

brought to this city and lodged in jail.

When searched, there was found on him

a package of diamond rings, which he had

received at Smithfield, Ill., from Peacock

& Co., of Chicago. The package was

worth about \$500.

ed with different dates. On this road the

name of the station is written in, so they

could be used for travel on any of these

dates by merely writing in the town to

which he wished to go.

One blank express money order was

also found on him. There was also taken

from him a full outfit for picking locks.

The superintendent says bicycle compa-

nies have been defrauded out of over \$700

worth of wheels. The orders were sent

in from this state, and the wheels were

ordered sent near Buffalo, N. Y., or some

other large city. When received they

would be ridden into the city and sold.

K. D. Gross, the express company's route

agent, thinks the man arrested is at the

bottom of the scheme.

The Adams Express company has also

been defrauded in a similar manner.

Hamilton had only \$1.65 on his person

when arrested. Hamilton says he did not

forge the orders, but merely went around

and picked up the goods when they arrived

at the different towns. He claims that

a gang engaged in perpetrating the frauds

is located in Kansas City.

THE YELLOW FEVER.

Indignant People of Jackson Tear

Up the Railroad

Track.

AND THEN BURN A BRIDGE.

The Situation at New Orleans—39

Cases of Fever at Edwards—

Gov. McClaurin is

Quarantined.

Jackson, Miss. Sept. 18.—It is learned

this morning that in tearing up the

Alabama and Vicksburg tracks west

of the city, it is reported last night

that a crowd also burned the trestle on

the same road. The cause of the trouble

was the disregard of the officials to order

the authorities not to stop the trains here

but rush them through the city at a 20

mile rate. Indignation is at fever heat,

and the people declare that if necessary to

compel the observation of their reasonable

quarantine regulations, they will burn

every bridge between here and Vicksburg.

The Situation at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 18.—A visit to

the board of health this morning at 10

o'clock disclosed the fact that there are

no new cases of yellow fever at this hour.

The suspicious case on Hospital street, a

rather dangerous quarter, now on the re-

port book, is the only one now under in-

vestigation. None of the cases under the

treatment have terminated fatally today

and the sick, except two or three in-

stances, are doing well.

New Cases Reported.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 18.—Two cases

of yellow fever were reported to the board

of health this afternoon.

The case on Hospital street has been de-

clared yellow fever.

39 Cases of Fever at Edwards.

Edwards, Miss., Sept. 18.—Twenty new

cases of supposed yellow fever have ap-

peared since the last report. There is now

a total of 39 cases pronounced yellow

fever by the doctors. The disease has

spread with remarkable rapidity and is

now well distributed through the town.

There are five cases in the country. The

cases not yet pronounced on will doubtless

swell the total to 50.

Gov. McClaurin Quarantined.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 18.—The govern-

ment of a sovereign state being denied ad-

mission to his capital city is the unique

condition in Mississippi. This morning

Governor McClaurin, who at the outbreak

of the yellow fever, was in the interior of

Simpson county, from which place he pro-

ceeded to his old home in Brandon. Be-

ing anxious to return to the state capital

he made application to the city board of

health for permission to enter the city,

which was promptly denied by the board.

The general quarantine rule against per-

sons entering the city and the health offi-

cers are no respecters of persons.

To Protect Railroad Property.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 18.—The govern-

ment has ordered out the capital light

guards to protect the property of the rail-

roads in the county.

Cause of a Bank Failure.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 18.—Bank

Examiner Caldwell, who has taken charge

of the First National bank, discovered

that \$20,000 in worthless paper, securing

a loan to the Thomson Glass works, of

Marion, Ind., precipitated the disaster.

The assets are \$120,000. Due to deposit-

ors \$90,000.

The bank examiner says the failure is

due to the speculation of ex-Cashier James

and Bailey, whose unwise investments and

dangerous speculative tendencies led to

his removal last June.

GOOD TIMES COME AGAIN.

What Dunn & Co. and Bradstreets People Rapidly Discovering the

Weekly Reports Say

About Business.

LIVELY IN ALL BRANCHES OF TRADE HAND-IN-HAND-WITH-SILVER HUMBUG

Export of Grain Breaks All Records— Improved Business Conditions; Improv-

Activity in Industries Generally

— Failures Decreasing —

Confidence Restored.

New York, Sept. 18.—R. G. Dunn &

Co., in their weekly review of trade say:

"The end of the bituminous coal strike

and the return of many thousands of men

to work at advanced wages add to the pur-

chasing power of the people and the an-

thrill strike affects not a fifth as many

workers. The starting of many mines

and works, enormous exports of wheat

and corn, favorable news as to those crops

and cotton, fall in sterling exchange and

reports showing that gold imports begun

in August exceeded exports by \$2,991,000,

while merchandise exports exceeded im-

ports by \$40,954,000 have all contributed

to forward the improvement in business.

The wheat market has declined over 5

cents on account of crop reports which

promised larger prosperity and corn and

cotton are both a little lower for a like

reason, yet estimates of highest financial

authorities regarding requirements from

this country are not smaller, but larger

than before, while better prospects in Ar-

gentina, Australia and India hold out no

promise of large European supplies or of

any untold winter is about over. Atlantic

exports of wheat were more than double

last year's for each week and in two weeks

was 8,820,000 bushels against 4,108,000

last year and of corn 7,095,000 bushels

against 3,988,000 last year.

The iron industry again shows an in-

creasing demand and the average of prices

is nearly one per cent higher, due to pur-

chasing by consumers of 100,000 tons of

Bessemer pig at Pittsburgh, which ad-

vanced the price to \$10. Grey forge is

hard to find there at \$9.15 and the billets

LOST ON A DESERT ISLAND.

Story of a Venturesome Western Lad's Terrible Experiences.

Four Days on an Island in the Pacific Ocean Off the Coast of California—Was Given Up for Dead.

(Copyright, 1897.)

Probably every boy who has read the tale of Robinson Crusoe has wished that he might have a similar experience. There was just such a boy out on the Pacific coast. His name was Kenneth Powell, and he lived in Los Angeles, Cal. Now he hasn't the slightest desire to imitate Crusoe, and thereby hangs a tale.

Lying off the coast of Southern California are two islands—Santa Catalina and San Clemente. The former, which lies 20 miles off the mainland, belongs to the Banning company, and is a popular summer resort. The latter is owned by the government, and is 20 miles farther out to sea; its sole resident is old Tom Gallagher, who has lived there ever since the war—nearly 40 years.

"Old Gallagher," as he is called, is an interesting character. He does not know the year of his birth, but, judging from his snowy hair and beard, it must have been somewhere in the first quarter of the present century. Gallagher tends the herds of sheep which roam over the island and which are owned by a Los Angeles company. Frequently he sees no human being for five months at a time. Well, Kenneth had once visited San Clemente with his father, and ever after he was possessed with a desire to imitate old Gallagher, and live in a rude, white-washed cabin alone on an island.

Every summer Kenneth went to Catalina island with his parents to spend his vacation.

While the coast of the island is beautiful and attractive, with its numerous canyons opening out upon the sea, mak-

After plodding up the dusty trail for some time, Kenneth became so thirsty that he decided to search for a spring of water which he remembered the guide had pointed out to them on the trip to Middle Ranch. Accordingly he left the trail, but wandered about for a long time before he came upon the spring. After quenching his thirst and lying for some time under the shade of a mountain laurel, he started to resume his journey, but was puzzled which way to go to regain the main trail. He was not in the least frightened, however, and followed, one after another, the indistinct paths which seemed to lead toward it. But he invariably found himself back at the spring. Finally, after repeated trials, he lost the location even of that; everything looked wild and strange to him.

For four long nights and days Kenneth wandered over the mountains and through the canyons of the island seeking a familiar path by which he could find his way back to Avalon, for his appetite for adventure died away as his appetite for supper increased. The first night he spent in a cave, but while he slept a loosened rock fell, cutting a deep gash in his head, from which the blood flowed freely. His face, too, became severely poisoned with poison oak, and his legs were a mass of festering sores from the cactus needles which were continually piercing them. His clothing was nearly torn off his body by brambles, and all he had to eat in the four days and nights of his wanderings was the cactus fruit and raw shell fish. He would have perished for want of water had it not been for the cactus fruit, which contains almost as large a percentage of water as does the watermelon.

Occasionally, from some peak, he would catch glimpses of the blue sea; and then he would run with breathless haste to the top of the cliffs overlooking it, hoping to see on the beach below the white tents of campers. Several times he sighted fishing parties, quite near the coast, and shouted himself hoarse in the effort to attract their attention; but the dash of the surf on the rocks drowned

CHILDREN WHO WEAR GLASSES.

Alarming Increase of Eye Troubles Among Youth of the United States.

Americans are fast growing used to the sight of the school children whose spectacled eyes are in contrast to their youthful faces. Statistics show that in the United States at least 30 per cent. of the school children are near-sighted, and this is only one of the many defects from which the eye suffers.

In the June Review of Reviews Dr. Allport, of Minnesota, who discusses this important theme—the defective eyesight of American children—gives for the prime cause of the degeneracy of human eyesight the excessive strain upon the eye produced by intellectual pursuits. That intellectual progress and ocular degeneration are inseparable, and that savages do not suffer from defective sight is proven by the fact that among Indian children only two per cent. are affected by myopia, and among negroes only 2½ per cent. Of 2,000 Mexican children examined eight only were near-sighted, 60 far-sighted and ten astigmatic. In the United States 30 per cent. of the school children have defective eyes, while in Germany, where all sorts of intellectual pursuits abound, and the topography of books is of the most execrable description, 50 per cent. of the children are myopic.

Of course the subject is of the greatest importance, and remedial measures should be taken by both parents and teachers. The latter should be trained to detect the first signs of defective eyesight, and work should be arranged to best suit the eyes of the pupils. But many parents do not watch young children at their reading and allow them to read by waving light, dim gaslight, or to strain their eyes by too much reading at night. Let the small boys and girls do their studying by daylight, even if they have to arise an hour earlier to do so, and give them games that do not require any straining of the eyes for the evening's entertainment. Often children convalescent and weak are allowed to read hours at a stretch and permanently injure their eyesight.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. W. R. Davis as superintendent of the Pittsfield schools was filled by the board selecting W. R. Hatfield county superintendent.

Richard Engelman, a wealthy German farmer living near Nokomis, died Wednesday, aged 68 years.

MY SICK SISTERS.

"I want to tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. For twenty years I had suffered with loss of appetite, nausea, constipation, palpitation of the heart, headache, pains in nearly all parts of my body. My physician said it was indigestion, medicine did me no good. I began the use of the Pinkham Remedies, particularly Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have taken four bottles, and now those troubles are cured."

"I cannot praise it enough, and our druggist says the medicine is doing a world of good among his customers."—BELLE S. THOMPSON, New Bedford, Mass.

OUR SEPTEMBER SPECIAL SALES, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18.

NO HUMBUG, HONEST GOODS FROM THE GO

Novelty Dress Goods worth 45 and 50 cents go at 35 cents. 75 cent Dress Goods at 45 and 50c. 95c and \$1.00 Dress Goods go at 55 and 60 cents. These are all choices up to date styles. For Saturday sales 6½c prints at 5c. 3c prints at 4c. Ladies extra long Black Hose, Double Heels and Toes, worth 10c for 5c. The 15c kind for 10c or 3 pairs for 25c. The best value in Decatur. 200 Best English pipe, assorted sizes and one row black for 3c, worth 15c. We are the only house showing the Eiderdown Trolley Jackets and Capes, new and choice, selling like hot cakes. We are running under lighter expenses and making lower prices on all goods than any house in the city.

S. G. HATCH & BRO., 151 EAST MAIN ST.



Strengthens the Stomach, Tones the Liver and puts the Bowels in Perfect Order.

SILK SALE THIS WEEK.

Black Silks.

50 Pieces of Choice Pattern Brocaded Black Silks, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, remnants from 8 to 30 yards, at 75c yard.
24-inch Black Brocaded Duchess Silk at 98c yard.
Black Satin Duchess Silks—20, 24 and 27 inches wide—at 68c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.
Black Peau de Soie Silks, extra width and quality, at 68c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard.
Fine Black Gros Grain Silks at 68c, 75c, 95c, \$1 and \$1.50 yard.
Black Princess Silks at 68c yard.
All colors in Satin Duchess Silks at 75c yard.
Velutins, the new Silk Finished Fabric, looks like Silk Velvet, in all the best colors, 24 inches wide, at 75c yard.

Colored Silks.

Taffeta Silks in solid and changeable effects at 65c and 75c yard.
New Brocade Silks at 75 yard.
Choice extra heavy Brocade Silks, all colors, at \$1 a yard.
The new Roman Stripe Silks, all combinations, at 85c, \$1, \$1.10 and \$1.25 a yard.
New Plaid Silks, at 90c and \$1.00 yard.
New Plaid Velvets at \$1.00 and \$1.50 a yard.
Handsome New Brocade Silks at \$1.50 a yard.
Late designs in Fine Drapery Silks at 50c yard.

Bradley Bros
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY
Decatur, Ill.

Agents for Standard Patterns.

We Sell Good FURNACES Cheap.

C. L. GRISWOLD & CO.

P. D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Homeseekers' excursions to points northwest, west, southwest, south and southeast on the 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month until Oct. 19th. One fare plus \$2 for the round trip. Tickets good 21 days. Stopovers allowed on going trip. One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast at very low rates on Aug. 17, Sept. 7 and 21 and Oct. 5 and 19. Columbus, O., tickets sold Sept. 21 and 22; Union Veterans' Legion National Encampment, \$8.50 round trip. Delavan, Ill., account Tazewell county fair. Tickets sold Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 and 3, good returning until Sept. 4th; one and one-third fare round trip. Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1—October 31, 1897. We learn that our people are offered a very low rate offered, every one should see the International Exposition, which, it is said, stands second to the Chicago Exposition and the large number of Expositions which have been held in recent years. The P. D. & E. Railway offer a low rate of \$3.10 from Decatur with limit of ten days. Tickets of twenty day limit and also with limit Nov. 7th, may be had at a little higher rate. If any circular or information is desired it will be furnished upon inquiry from P. D. & E. Agent, or by writing direct to A. G. Palmer, who is General Passenger Agent at Evansville, Ind. June 5 to Oct. 28

Given Away! Given Away!

Large importation of Chinaware and other articles just received to be given away ABSOLUTELY FREE to our customers. See the display of samples in our show windows.

We have the most complete stock of Groceries in Decatur. In our Market Department we are unsurpassed.

We bag to quote you a few prices among our many bargains:

1 lb. "Bad-Rock" Roasted Coffee..... 12½c
1 lb. Good Rio " other's price 20c, our price 15c
1 lb. "Our Leader" brand Roasted Coffee for..... 20c
1 lb. Peaberry or O. G. Java "..... 30c
1 lb. (40c regular) Mocha and Java Coffee for..... 35c
1 lb. (35c regular) "..... 30c

We have a fine line of SYRUPS, SORGHUMS, Etc.

Soda or Oyster Crackers at 5c a pound.

Don't forget us when you are looking for strictly fancy TEA at moderate prices. We have an exceedingly large line and can please the most fastidious.

Our arrangement with grocers and shippers of Fruits, Melons, Etc., is such that we save the middle man's profits and our customers get the benefit.

We pay the highest market price for Country Produce.

WE STRIVE TO PLEASE OUR CUSTOMERS.

Yours, with Low Prices,

KELLER GROCERY HOUSE AND MARKET,

Both Phones 113. 124 South Water Street.



RUSHED HEADLONG DOWN THE ROCKY CLIFFS.

ing covers where a multitude of campers pitch their tents, the interior is wild and rocky. Eagles build their nests on the beetling cliffs, wild goats infect the mountains, and timid quail dart through the sage brush. Springs of water are scarce, and known only to old guides who have frequented the trails for years. Great beds of cactus abound, and these, with the wild sage, form the only vegetation. The topography of the island is such that, once bewildered, the stranger finds himself in a perfect labyrinth, and it is well-nigh impossible to find one's way back to the trails without the aid of a compass.

Kenneth had once enjoyed a trip across the island, a distance of some ten or 12 miles, in company with his father and a party of gentlemen under the guidance of Mexican Joe. They rode burros, and it was great sport. About midway across the island is a stretch of level country of two miles or more, known as Middle Ranch. Here is a pretty stream of fresh mountain water, with tall willow trees drooping over it and near by is an old, deserted cabin, once inhabited by sheep herders. Kenneth had never forgotten the delights of this trip, and it had been the dream of his life to repeat it—alone—and dwell in that old cabin like Robinson Crusoe, shooting quails and goats and living on cactus fruit and shell fish. So one day he slipped quietly away from Avalon, where his parents were stopping, and started up the trail. He took with him no supplies, not even a canteen of water, for he thought he would reach the cabin and stream long before night. As he mounted higher and higher the little town of Avalon gradually faded away to a mere toy village, and then, by an abrupt turn in the trail, was lost entirely to view. Then Kenneth felt free indeed, and sat down to fan his heated face with his straw hat; for the sun shone fiercely on the barren mountain-side. His pleasant meditations were soon broken, however, by the warning hiss of a rattlesnake, and he plunged up the trail at headlong speed, nor stopped until the cruel prick of a cactus needle in his foot warned him that there were other dangers in the mountains besides rattlers.

his voice, and the fishermen sailed on, while Kenneth threw himself on the cruel rocks, sobbing in despair.

Searching parties were organized, and under the leadership of competent guides went out over the mountains. For three days and nights the search continued; then the distracted parents gave up in despair, for it was the opinion of the guides that the boy, if he were on the island, must surely have perished before this. So Kenneth's father and his poor, prostrated mother, left Avalon and returned to Los Angeles, where detectives were set to work to see if any trace of the missing boy could be found on the mainland, thinking possibly he might have boarded a passing yacht and gone back to the main line.

It was near the afternoon of the fourth day after Kenneth had disappeared. A party of gentlemen were fishing about a mile from Silver canyon, a point on the opposite side of the island from Avalon. As they were engaged in luring the silver-scaled albacore from the sea, their attention was attracted by a faint hallooing. Casting their eyes shoreward they finally discerned, away upon the rocky cliffs, which here rose almost perpendicularly from the sea, a boy wildly signaling and shouting. They signaled back, and Kenneth, in his insane joy at being seen, rushed headlong down the rocky cliffs, catching here and there on a projection, which broke the force of his perilous descent. At this point the great breakers dashed against the rocky shore with such terrific force that it was impossible to land a boat, but the men managed to throw a rope to Kenneth, by which they pulled him through the waves. A big breaker almost swept him away just as he reached the boat, but by a dexterous movement, one of his rescuers seized him and drew him in, more dead than alive.

Poor Kenneth was so weak from exhaustion and hunger that he could scarcely stand, and was taken to a cottage to await the next morning's steamer. Meanwhile a carrier pigeon was dispatched to Los Angeles, bearing to Kenneth's parents the joyful tidings that their boy was found.

HENRIETTA B. FREEMAN.

DO AS TH CHANGE

The light and t last week, b conspicuous cold air.

If you get y of us it will LONGEST

FALL SU OVERCOA

Come in T a Suit is wide.

Cheap

DECATU Successors

We find that on Tennis Good ing Clothing, G

We are now be of advantage Please call a Our Goods

DECATU ARCHIE

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There is a young n expression of his t ways telling someb "got a gait on him "had to hustle" or started home about gait. About elev came floating out in the house, you broke and the you pay to "get a gait sell 1,000 pairs su "get a gait on you



DO AS THE TREES DO

CHANGE YOUR GARB.

The light and thin suit was all right last week, but now it makes you conspicuous and lets in too much cold air.

If you get your season's clothing of us it will be **LATEST CUT** and **LONGEST WEAR.**

FALL SUITS **LOWEST**
OVERCOATS **NOTCH PRICE**

Come in **TO-DAY**—Pick out a Suit while the Choice is wide.

Cheap Charley,
—The Reliable Clothier.

DECATUR GUN CO...

Successors to H. Mueller Gun Co.,

We find that we are largely overstocked on Tennis Goods, Base Ball Goods, Hunting Clothing, Guns and Cutlery.

We are now making prices which will be of advantage to our customers.

Please call and see for yourself.

Our Goods are All Warranted.

DECATUR GUN CO.

ARCHIE F. WILSON, Manager.

He Did...

There is a young man who lives in Decatur who is not using a pet expression of his to-day. He used it one night last week. He is always telling somebody, "Get a Gait On You"—or he is telling how he "got a gait on himself," instead of using plain English and saying he "had to hustle" or he "got a move on him." He was trying to get started home about 11 o'clock that night and he had got as far as the gate. About eleven minutes past eleven one of those warning voices came floating out of the door—"Mamie—Mamie—Mamie! Come right in the house, you've been out there long enough," and the hinges broke and the young man "got a gait on him." Sometimes it doesn't pay to "get a gait on you," it will this week, though. We are going to sell 1,000 pairs suspenders at 10c and 15c. You'll save money if you "get a gait on you" before they're gone.



Lowest Priced Clothing House in Decatur.

222 NORTH MAIN STREET.
Between Prairie and William.

HAVE YOU TRIED CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES?

Sold Only at—
"The Economy,"
221 North Water Street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Checks called for. Davis' delivery. Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weiland. Mob 25 ct. Decatur Methodists are at Rushville attending conference. They will not get back until Tuesday or Wednesday.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure headaches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist. The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weiland are the best in town. Mob 25-ct.

Epidemic diphtheria has caused the closing of some country schools taught by Minonk teachers.

Irwin's Celery Compound is a good nerve and blood purifier.

It is expected that there will be 400 to 500 delegates in Decatur next month during the state convention of the Young Men's Christian association.

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

After several years' agitation Belvidere has decided to put in a complete system of sanitary sewers.

Shoes made to order and all kinds of repair work done in first class style. Call on H. R. Adams, 152 East Prairie avenue. —9-ct.

Select a Reed & Son or Haines upright piano at the C. B. Prescott music house and you will get a standard instrument. Prices always low and terms reasonable.

The Ladies Aid society of Grace M. E. church will serve lunch Thursday, September 23, from 11 a. m. to 9 p. m. in Race building, one door north of D. H. Hellman. —17-ct.

Now will you begin to think of laying in a supply of coal? Did you think that it was going to be summer all the year round?

Farmers in the city today say that the corn has been greatly damaged by the long dry spell. The late planted corn especially is in bad shape.

The congregations of the Cumberland Presbyterian and First M. E. churches will hold union service at First M. E. church tomorrow morning, Rev. A. W. Hawkins preaching. Services at regular hour. Subject "Joy in the Sanctuary."

Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry has been used for forty years and has never yet failed to cure a case of diarrhoea, dysentery, or summer complaint in any of its various forms. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

The Senior and Intermediate Endeavor societies of First M. E. church will hold a union song and devotional service at 7:30 p. m. Sunday in the lecture room.

At Mowenaqua the coal strike has at last been settled, all of the miners returning to work. The scale was advanced to 45 cents gross per ton for pick miners and 38 cents per ton for machine men. The shaft is now running to its fullest capacity.

Bear in mind the fact that the Princes of the Orient will take the town on the night of October 8. Mayor Taylor without ceremony, will turn the keys of the city over to the Grand Padesha early in the afternoon of that day, and all who do not wish to fall into the spirit of the gala occasion might as well begin to plan now to take to tall timber.

"I burned my fingers very badly. The pain was intense. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil brought relief in three minutes. It was almost magical. I never saw anything like it." Amelia Swords, Sandersonville, O. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

The Decatur delegates to the state convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor have returned from Bloomington. They fared pretty well. L. W. Friberg and W. Hoppin are members of the state executive committee and E. R. Sonnenstine was made a member of the Federation committee on legislation. No doubt the committee will do considerable lobbying at the sessions of the legislature. The next state meeting will be held in Decatur, and Decatur will make that gathering a memorable week for all the visitors.

The Wabash sometimes ago commenced enforcing the rule about employees going into saloons and drinking. At the time a number of employees were made to feel the sharp edge of the ax as a result. Time has passed, however, and a number of the employees thought that the rule had been placed on the shelf. The past few days several of the employees have been let out for that cause. A chair car porter thought that he was not subject to the rule and went into a saloon in Chicago a few nights ago to get a glass of beer, and now, like others, he is circulating around looking for another job.

There is a class of people who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O. It is a pure grain, that takes the place of coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. It may be drunk with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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BUNN MIGHT HAVE BEEN CHIEF

Inside Light on the Fight Against Irish Copp at Springfield.

This week at Springfield, had Attorney D. L. Bunn consented, he might have been elected grand worthy chief templar of the Illinois Grand Templars, to succeed Mr. Copp, who was re-elected for another year, by about 10 majority. In an interview George M. Bassett, the grand lodge secretary is quoted as saying:

"Grand Chief Templar Copp was willing to step aside if a good man could be induced to run. He would have given way to such men as Dan R. Sheen, of Peoria, or D. L. Bunn, of Decatur, but they were unwilling to accept the nomination. It is also true that members went to Copp and urged him not to step aside, inasmuch as they had supported him through all these years of controversy and felt his yielding at this juncture would be a surrender of the issues involved."

Mr. Bassett also informed the reporter that he was present when Col. Nate Reed made the speech, the printing of which caused such a furor.

Past Grand Counselor John Sobieski stated that he had been commissioned to find a suitable candidate and that Bunn, Sheen and Robert Patton, of Springfield, had refused.

Social at Business College.

A social was given at the Brown business college last evening by the pupils of the school. The Wyoming mandolin orchestra was in attendance and rendered music, after which Prof. Owens delivered an address of welcome. A vocal solo was given by Miss Hattie Childs and Rev. W. H. Penhalligon then delivered an address. The remainder of the program was as follows:

Instrumental solo, Miss Hattie Drum; selection, Mandolin Club; recitation, Miss Amanda Trainor; vocal solo, Wilbur Starling; address, E. P. Irving; violin solo, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Irving was formerly the principal of the college and he made an interesting address. He said that he was glad to see the students taking an interest in social affairs as it would afford them an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other. He advised them to organize some kind of society in the school and meet every week. At the close of the program refreshments were served. The social was arranged by the pupils for the purpose of meeting each other in a social way and affording the new people an opportunity to become acquainted. The attendance at the college is large this year and the term promises to be a good one.

The Alpha Beta Society.

Last night the first regular meeting of the Alpha Beta society was held at the High school building. The attendance was quite large. This was the program:

Autobiography—Leo Boland.
Recitation—Ed Auer.
Original Story—P. Robertson.
Oration—Glenn Pilcher.
Query Box—Fred Grout.
Optional—Leonard Michael.
Essay—Roland Pease.
Newspaper—Orville Billington.
Reading—Homer Dawson.
Vocal Solo—J. Wilbur Starling.

A debate followed on the question, "Resolved, That New York city should pay the incidental expenses of the status of Liberty." Tom McClelland and Clyde Bankson argued the affirmative and Ralph Mills and George Brant argued on the negative side of the question.

I. O. O. F. Excursion

The Odd Fellows of Decatur will run an excursion to Springfield Tuesday, September 21. The train will leave Decatur at 12:30 p. m., returning leave Springfield at 11 p. m. same date. Tickets on sale at Wabash City Ticket office, Race Clothing company, and Friberg's cigar store. One dollar for the round trip. Goodman's full band has been secured and will take a prominent part in the parade. The Springfield Odd Fellows are making elaborate preparations for at least 20,000 visitors, who will be there from each and every state in the Union. The grand parade will start at 2 p. m., after which the Patriarch Militant prize drills will take place. At night the degree staff of Decatur Encampment will exemplify the three degrees of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship. Come one, come all.

Sales of Real Estate.

Charles Sampson to E. L. Pegram, lot 10 in block 1 of Minnikin Place; \$1.
Joseph C. Myers to Elizabeth Aubert, 16 1/2 acres off of the south end of the east half of the southwest quarter of 17, 18, 3 east; \$1400.

G. Henry Zimmerman to James W. Sanders, lots 3, 4, 10, 11, 14 and 15 of block 1 of Simpson's addition; \$1.

Mary J. Wyckoff to Evaline L. Still, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of 7 and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of 8, 17, 4 east; \$1.

James W. Sanders to G. Henry Zimmerman, lots 1, 2, 12, 13 and 28 of block 3 of Oakland Place; \$1.

R. F. McDonald to Mary A. Query, lot 8 in block 2 of Long Creek; \$100.

Margaret A. Meyer to Maria S. Green, lots 5 and 6 of block 1 in Philip Bolle's First addition to Blue Mound; \$76.

Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carter, on South Colfax street, Thursday, September 16, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Brownlee, on South Walnut street, Friday, September 17, a daughter.

M. E. CONFERENCE.

What the Methodists are Doing at Rushville—Gossip on Changes.

Rushville, Ill., Sept. 17.—The business of the 74th session Illinois annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is going on as usual. Bishop John M. Walden, of Cincinnati, is presiding and the presiding elders and preachers have decided that the bishop is a stickler for some things that have not heretofore attracted much attention. The bishop wants to know if all the Sunday schools have been organized according to the missionary rule of the Discipline, and also interrogates each presiding elder as to his opinion of the efficiency or ability of the quarterly conference committee. These various committees, elected by the quarterly conference annually, have been in most instances merely nominal, except in two or three charges. D. F. Howe seems to have put his committees to work and success was achieved. Usually the pastor does the work that the committees are supposed to do.

The reports of the nine presiding elders were encouraging, showing that the collections for pastors' salaries and benevolences show an increase last year. Dr. J. W. Hamilton states that the collections for the Freedman's Aid society will show an increase of \$15,000 over last year.

Presiding Elder Randle gave a splendid report of Decatur district, noting church improvements at Harrisburg and Rosemond.

Geo. E. Scrimger, who retires from the Danville district, was presented with a writing desk and Mrs. Scrimger received a silver service set as a gift from the preachers of their district. Also D. W. English, who retires from the Quincy district, was presented with a purse of gold.

D. T. Miles was granted a superannuated relation, owing to ill health. R. T. Milnes, who left his charge at West Shelbyville a few weeks ago, to engage in orphanage work under the superintendency of David Gay, in Missouri, met with an accident a few weeks ago, breaking his leg. Mr. Milnes will be laid up for three months yet, and Mr. Gay is here to see if a collection may be taken for Mr. Milnes, who is without a dollar.

W. J. Tull, who was afflicted by his removal from Clinton two years ago to Carrollton was reported withdrawn from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Tull is now pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Littlefield.

L. S. Boller addressed the conference in the interest of the American university of Washington, D. C.

Dr. William Wirt King, pastor of Lindell Avenue Methodist church, spoke on the "Preacher as a Student."

J. W. Miller, of Charleston, preached the annual missionary sermon.

Dr. W. F. Oldham, of the Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, delivered an address before the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, and owing to the failure of Dr. P. M. Buck, of India, to arrive Dr. Oldham occupied the platform at the regular missionary meeting Thursday night. Dr. Oldham was born in India, his father being an English officer. He was converted under the preaching of Bishop Taylor and Rev. C. P. Hard, of Rosemond, was his first presiding elder in India. Dr. Oldham is a matchless orator.

Rev. Geo. L. Miller and wife, of Decatur, are here. Mr. Miller, who has been travelling as an Evangelist for several years, will ask for an appointment.

Rev. John Williamson, of Chicago, conducts pentecostal services daily at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

D. F. Howe is down for first church, Springfield. H. H. Oneal will return to Campaign. Geo. E. Scrimger will succeed J. B. Horney at Rushville. W. H. Wilder will get the Quincy district. Front Craft will go to First church, Decatur. He will win his way to the hearts of the people.

J. W. C.

Engagements Extraordinary.

The state board of agriculture announces the engagement of the packing kings, Star Pointer, 1:59 1/4, and Joe Patchen, 2:01 1/4, for Friday, October 1 (Springfield day), of the greatest fair on earth—Springfield, September 27, October 2—to race for \$6000 flat, all to the winner. This is the greatest drawing card of the season and 50,000 people are expected to witness the race.

Star Pointer is the first horse to go a mile in less than two minutes and as such is the horse everybody wants to see.

It is also announced that Marion Mills, the guileless wonder, will pace each day during the fair. This flyer is a prime favorite with all the lovers of intelligence of the horse, and especially with the ladies and children. Unlike many fast horses, she is a beautiful animal, admired as much for her handsome appearance as for her speed.

Homer's Trouble.

Tolono Herald: The mayor of Homer, Attorney Wright, has gotten himself into rather an embarrassing position with the better element of the citizens of that place. Recently a gambling room was pulled by the marshal, and when the men appeared for trial the mayor was on hand as their attorney, and asked that the prisoners be discharged as that part of the city ordinance upon which the men were arrested was not in compliance with the state law. The justice thought he knew as much about law as the mayor, and assessed a fine upon each prisoner according to the law.

FIX THE OLD SCALE.

Springfield Operators Decide that They Will Pay Only Thirty-Five Cents.

Springfield Journal: A meeting of the coal operators of the Springfield district was held to take action on the matter of establishing a scale of prices to govern the mining of coal. There was a full meeting of the operators and the question was thoroughly discussed. It was decided that 35 cents per ton would be the price paid. This action will be final upon the part of the operators and they say they will not give any higher price.

The miners will take no action on the scale fixed by the operators until the meeting which is to be held here next Monday. They have secured Allen's hall for the meeting, which will be called to order at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

The original demand of the miners of this district was 40 cents per ton. It is understood, however, that the miners had decided to accept 37 cents a ton. The scale fixed by the operators at their meeting yesterday is the same price that was paid previous to the strike. Several coal miners were seen last night but they refused to say anything about the scale. They stated that the convention would consider the proposition of the operators and whatever that body decided upon, would control.

"Mr. Deane from Boston."

The popular Gorman Brothers have scored a great success this season in their new departure, the musical farce comedy "Mr. Deane from Boston," which will appear at the Powers' Grand Thursday evening, September 28. It is better written, better staged and better acted than most nondescripts. A witty dialogue, beautiful music and ludicrous situations are interpreted by an unusually large and capable company, headed by the Three Gorman Brothers, of national fame, whose appearance in white-face is highly relished by their many admirers, who now learn that while as much as they were imitable, as far as they are without supercilious. People want to be amused and made to forget their cares and surely this lively play, with never a dull moment, will accomplish that result. The Gormans evidently appreciate the attractiveness of pretty and talented girls and handsome costumes as well as effective stage settings which are all to be found in "Mr. Deane from Boston," the new play they bring to amuse theatregoers, while the vocal contingent has had no equal in the history of present day musical comedies.

The U. B. Conference.

The annual meeting of the Central Illinois Conference will close at Saybrook this evening. The session began on Wednesday. In the absence of Bishop N. Castle Rev. J. A. King, of Decatur, called the conference to order and Rev. S. B. Clark, of Wink, conducted devotional exercises. Rev. William McKee, missionary treasurer of Dayton, O., was elected bishop pro tem. Rev. Z. T. Hatfield, of Decatur, was elected permanent secretary. Rev. M. B. Spayd, of Decatur and Rev. M. R. Myer, of Dalton City, were received into conference on their transfer. On Wednesday evening Rev. J. A. F. King preached to a large and appreciative audience. Thursday was largely given to the hearing of reports from the presiding elders and the pastors. The reports show a commendable advance along all lines. Thirty ministers and twenty lay delegates were present at the opening session of the conference.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the Drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having heard of Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Presbyterian Church.

The usual morning and evening services will be resumed tomorrow. The pastor will preach at each service. The new choir will sing. Special musical program in the evening. Dr. T. S. Childs will assist.

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...A FREE STREET CAVALCADE...At 10 a. m. by detailed detachments from each division (Wild Horses, Buffalo,
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General Admission, 50c. Children under 9 years, 25c.

Numbered coupon, actually reserved seats, will be held on the day of exhibition
at John E. King's drug store, corner Main and Water streets.

BICYCLES CHECKED ON GROUNDS

GOLD NUGGES

Some of the Big Ones Found in California

While the nugget found in Jay pocket by the Gravelly likely to become famous for value it is not, as has been largest one known in history of mining. This or rather stood for it, mitted, for about \$12,000 nothing of an alleged California weighing 400 pounds, to come" nugget of Ballou, 2,217 ounces, 16 pennyweight for over \$10,500, or nearly even a question whether the nugget is the largest one from the soil of California to Hittell, a nugget was son Hill, Calaveras county, 1854, which weighed pounds (and was worth) Between the two is no of values, but what is favor the earlier specimen.

The first nugget found the one which Marshall worth but 50 cents, and discovered but five dollars in Stevens' regiment large specimen, a mass of between 20 and 25 pounds to drink in a small Mokuame river. This taken east, where it is firm the stories of California and added, naturally, to attention there. In 18 Martin chink," which ore, mixed with white picked up near Camp C lunne county, in a hole had dug to bury a dog. It yielded \$23,270 and a of a great fortune. In a pauper, found a \$14, Planas county, and, Francisco, spent the \$3,000 being squandered whirl. With his money went to Dutch Flat, and while watching his he saw lying on the bottom gold and white quartz and shape to a baby's brought \$12,300, and through a career of de to the poorhouse.

The finds in later years Jay discovery have not been so. In the fall of 1900 who had been put off of the cific freight train, started Bakersfield and found a get weighing 216 ounces. In 1890 a chink worth \$8 up in San Diego county been two or three dis Mojave desert. The finds have been neither. The saying "gold is it" is peculiarly applicable lumps of precious metal falling out of a ledge, in the beds of streams away in handlands, ex vicissitudes, in some of years. Trinity county producer, and, though rushing there, the next turned up may be any hill and mountain coun kyion and San Diego Chronicle.

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HOW A LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA SUFFERER WAS CURED.

The Story of a Sturdy Engineer—His Death Was Decried
at a Consultation of Physicians, but a Changed
Medical Treatment Saved His Life.

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.
James Crockett, a sturdy old Scotchman, living in Detroit, Mich., at 88 Montcalm Street told the following story:
"First," he said, "I must tell you something of my life before my almost fatal sickness. I was born in Scotland in 1822, and came to this country in 1848. I am a marine engineer by trade, and have been up and down the big lakes hundreds of times. There is no spot on the Detroit and the Atlantic Ocean I do not know. In 1872 I was in the employ of the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Co., and for fifteen years I was at my post as chief engineer on one of their big passenger steamers. My first loss was the R. K. Rice, which was burned at the docks. Then I was transferred to the Rubie, which was chartered to make the run between Detroit and Cleveland.

I brought out the new steamer the 'City of the Straits,' and for years acted as her chief engineer. It is a great responsibility, the position of chief engineer on these big passenger ships. Thousands of lives are in the keeping of the engineer. Few realize the dangers that might befall them, and on the engineer depends the safety of the passengers. The anxiety, causes a great nervous strain, and the strictest attention is necessary during the trip. Not for a moment must he lose his watchfulness, as the human freight above him is absolutely in his care.

For fifteen years I carefully watched the big engines and boilers without a single accident, and only noticed that I was getting nervous. Suddenly without warning I was taken sick, and in less than a week I was prostrated. I had the best of physicians, and hoped to be at work again within a week. I grew gradually worse, and at the council of doctors, they said I had nervous prostration, and had destroyed my whole nervous system and would never be able to get up again. They said I had worn myself out by the long nervous strain caused by watching and worrying about the machinery. No man could stand such nervous strain over seven or eight years, while I had been fifteen years in destroying my nerves centers. For three long years I was unable to move from my bed without assistance. The doctor said I had locomotor ataxia, and would never be able to walk again.

"The pains and suffering I experienced during those years are almost indescribable. My wife used to put eight or ten hot water bags around me to stop the pain. Those that came to see me bid me good-bye when they left me and I was given up. The doctor in fact I had given myself up, and thought there was no use trying to get well.

"We tried every known remedy, and my wife kept reading the articles about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People to me. Finally she said they only cost 50 cents, and she wanted to know if I would try them. To please her I consented to use them. I gave up my bed, and in a few days I was able to get strength enough to walk. It came slow but sure but what I am today is due wholly to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"Nearly every body in Detroit knows how long I was confined to the bed, and of my wonderful cure. It is almost a miracle to some people that saw me when the doctors had given me up, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cured me surely enough.

"I am nearly seventy-five years old today, and there is not a man in the whole city that can kick higher or walk further than I can today. If any one has locomotor ataxia that reads this, let them come and see me today. You may tell the whole world if you wish, that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People saved my life, and if you don't send them to me, can you tell me a man in this big city that can do better than that?" said Mr. Crockett, "as he kicked the reporter's hat, which was held high above his head.

ROMANCE OF TO-DAY.

Plenty of Material to Fill Several Volumes Just Like It.

They had once been lovers. Ah! that was many years ago. And they parted after a foolish quarrel, he to wander to the uttermost parts of the earth, she to become the wife of another. He, too, had married, but both were free again, and now they sat facing each other.

He told her of the sights he had seen during his travels; of exciting adventures and narrow escapes, and she said: "Wonderful!" and "How grand!" and "My, how awful!"

At last he ceased speaking, and for a long time they sat there in silence. Then he said:

"By the way, how long has your husband been dead?"

She looked down at the figures in the rich carpet and was silent.

"Forgive me, Mildred," he went on, "for broaching such a painful subject. I should have known better."

Then their glances met again, and she asked:

"And your wife, George; how long has it been since you lost her?"

He arose, took a turn around the room, and then, confronting her, said:

"Well, I suppose the best way to treat these things is with frankness. My wife—or the woman who was my wife—is not dead. She and I found that we were not suited to each other, so we parted, and I have just been having the legal finishing touches administered in Dakota.

She sighed and said:

"Oh, I am so glad!"

"That she isn't dead? Yes, so am I. I don't wish her any bad luck. She may yet make some man happy, if she happens to meet the right one."

Again the fair, plump woman before him sighed, and then she looked up at him with a wistful yearning in her eyes that made his heart leap.

"Mildred," he said, taking her hands in his, "do you think less of me, because I—because I am—"

"No," she replied, seeing that he hesitated, "no, I'm glad that you are. I'm one, too."

With a glad cry he caught her in his embrace, and all the love that had been pent up for ten long years was let loose.

At last, when she had sufficiently recovered to speak, she said:

"They say marriages are made in Heaven, George."

"So they do," he answered, "but divorces are freely granted here on earth, and I'm glad of it."

"So am I," she murmured. "We can be so happy now, can't we, George dear?"

"Yes—but hold on a minute. I forgot to ask you about—the rest of the family. Got any children?"

"Only one," she sweetly replied, "and he's agreed to take care of it."

"Horse and horse again," he said. "It is clear that fate has been arranging matters for us. Now, for the beginning of a life of real domestic bliss."

And she said:

"Good old fate! Nice old judges!"—Cleveland Leader.

RHEUMATISM SCARED AWAY.

A Marvelous Cure Wrought with the Aid of a Mopstick.

"You see I haven't a particle of rheumatism," said the man with a florid face and a voice that was intended by nature for campaign purposes—

"I feel like a two-year-old. Never have an ache or pain. Don't pay a particle of attention to eat winds, rains or changes in the temperature. Eat three meals a day and sleep like a top. A year ago I went around smelling like a bottle of horse liniment. One time I'd be on crutches. Then I'd have an arm drawn all out of shape or a shoulder that was of no earthly use. The last spell I had was with my back and I was ready to throw up the sponge."

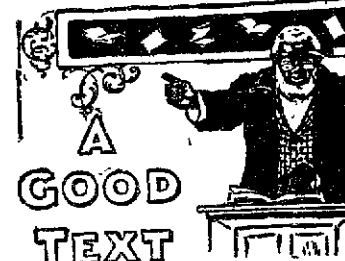
"What did I do it for? Everything under the sun. I had horse chestnuts in every pocket. I carried potatoes till they petrified. I ate lemons till I was as sour as I look. I took more kind of medicine than you can find in any drug store. I was in a bunk state for six months from hot baths. I was massaged into a pulp. I traveled 300 miles to have the disease charmed away, and had it worse coming back than I did going. One day I met a little old man that must have been 100. He was as spry as a kitten, yet assured me that from the time he was from 30 to 70 there was nothing of him but rheumatism. Even his hair ached. He advised me to steal a dish rag and rub myself thoroughly with it every morning. There was no virtue in the treatment unless I stole the rag."

"I would have robbed a bank to get relief. One afternoon I slipped through the back door of a house into the kitchen, grabbed a dishrag and started to limp away. A 200-pound hired girl let out a Tipperary screech and tool after me with a mop stick. By the time she had eluded me once or twice I was running like a professional, and at the end of half a block I was out of reach of her weapon. I've never had a twinge since. I don't know whether the hired girl, the pounding, the running or the dish rag cured me. I'm rather disposed to think that the rheumatism was scared out of me."—Detroit Free Press.

The Sphinx's Age.

The famous Sphinx near the pyramids of Gizeh was thoroughly investigated by Prof. Erman, who, at a recent meeting of the Berlin academy, delivered a lecture about its probable age. Careful researches show that it could not have been built previous to the so-called "Middle Kingdom," or about 2000 B. C. Between her front paws there was originally the image of a deity, all trace of which has at the present time disappeared. For the building of the colossal work more than 20 years must have been necessary, even if 1,500 men had been employed all the time.—Detroit Free Press.

Statistics prove that nearly two-thirds of the letters carried by the world's postal service are written, sent to and read by English speaking people.



A well selected text is half of the sermon. Given a good text and a preacher who is in earnest, and the result is sure to be good. The text of this article is a plain simple statement that proves itself in the reader's own mind without argument. The text is "Good health is better than great riches."

Without health nothing really matters very much. A hacking cough takes all the beauty out of a landscape or a sunset. Erysipelas or eczema will spoil the enjoyment of sprightly conversation, of a beautiful concert, of a wonderful painting. The biggest bank account in the world won't pay a man for his health, but a very small amount of money will make him healthy and keep him healthy.

Most all bodily troubles start in the digestive or respiratory organs. It is here that improper living first makes an opening for disease. The development of different constitutions and temperaments differ. The causes are almost identical. To get at the root of the matter is simple enough if you start right.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a medicine for the whole body. It works through the digestive organs on all the others.

It cures the first thing it comes to and after that, the next. It puts health in place of disease in the stomach, and from the vantage ground thus gained, it reaches every fiber of the body and drives disease before it—in indigestion, liver troubles, kidney complaint, biliousness, skin and scalp diseases, salt-rheum, tetter, eczema, and all the troubles caused by impure blood.

A franchise has been granted for a proposed electric railroad 40 miles long to be connected between Kankakee, Wilmington and Morris. Work must start within two years.

The two year old boy of Robert Jensen, of Kankakee, fell from a second story window Tuesday and was unconscious an hour, but sustained no dangerous injuries.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people. Price fifty cents and 81 per bottle at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Alderman Croft of Paxton, who had been viciously attacked by Editor Dunham in the columns of the Register, took revenge by horse whipping the editor.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Itch, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

The board of commissioners of Vermilion county has appropriated \$30,000 for the soldiers' monument fund. The erection of a handsome monument on the public plaza is now assured.

It Hits the Spot.

When suffering from a severe cold and your throat and lungs feel sore, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar.

When the sore throat is relieved, a feeling of well-being will be at once experienced, and you will feel as if it feels so good. IT HITS THE SPOT. It is guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

William Allison, of Hoopston, died this week, leaving a wife and four small children. He formerly lived near Gibson City.

Coming Down Hill.

People suffering from Kidney Diseases feel a gradual but steady loss of strength and vitality. They should lose no time in trying Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed preparation. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A man named Reinhard, aged 45, a piano agent, committed suicide at Peoria. He was a cousin of Rev. Mr. Reinhard, of Collon, Ill.

Do Not Be Imposed On.

Always insist on getting Foley's Honey and Tar, as it is positively, absolutely and unquestionably the best cough medicine. Accept no substitute. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Peoria Journal claims the honor of being the first paper in the United States to print the news of the gold finds in the Klondyke.

A Household Necessity.

No family should be without Foley's Colic Cure, for all bowel complaints. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

S. S. McClure dropped dead from apoplexy while on his farm, south of Eureka. He was a member of the legislators from 1892 to 1894. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Found.

At Bell's or Krone's drug store, a marvelous cure for all kidney complaints, nervous exhaustion and female weakness. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A lodge of Knights of Pythias was organized this week at Ogden, with 35 charter members.

A telephone line is being constructed between Wenona and Magdalla.

September Sale.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

On Furniture.

And will give Premium Coupons on same for 30 days. Come quick while this lasts.

OLDEST AND LARGEST HOUSE IN CITY.

204 to 252 East Main St.

There's No Getting Around The Fact That

Pillsbury's Best

is the best flour. 22,500 barrels made every day.

Your Grocer Will Supply You.

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We Have Just Received.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

An Immense Line of

Leather Goods....

Please call and inspect them.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at
156 East Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

We Want Our Fall Trade Now!

We Want It to Start In With a Rush!

To overcome the extreme heat we will for 10 days, or until Sept. 25th, sell the best \$3.50 Men's Shoes at.....\$3.00
Geo. E. Keith's Tan Storm Calf, with heavy soles for winter, worth \$3.50; in this sale at.....\$3.00
Geo. E. Keith's Calf Shoes, Welts, Domestic Calf, high grade, worth \$3.50; in this sale at.....\$3.00
Geo. E. Keith's Black Chrome Calf, with heavy soles for winter, also in this sale at.....\$3.00
In Women's Shoes we will sell during this sale a Fine Kid Shoe, lace or button, coin toe, patent leather tip, special \$2.50 shoe; in this sale at.....\$2.00

We Guarantee Good, Honest Shoe Value,
no matter what the price!

"Bargain Department" Full of Items of Interest.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.,

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

148 EAST MAIN STREET. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks in Sidewalk

Winter Shirt Waists and Dressing Sacks

We have just received our new line from the factory.
The Styles are Beautiful.

Short Corsets

Notice our window and see the CORRECT thing in a SHORT CORSET. Price in black or white \$1.00.

Underwear

Our underwear and heavy wool and fleece hosiery have arrived and can show you the best assorted stock in the city—PRICES ARE RIGHT—everything marked in plain figures.

YOU ARE INVITED

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

Bothered with Roaches or Water Bugs?

Then come in and get a box of Mexican Roach Food. We guarantee it to kill all the Roaches and Water Bugs in your house. Money refunded if it doesn't do it.

KING'S DRUG STORE,
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

H. C. Burks at Opera House drug store. Fig Syrup 35 cents a bottle at Irwin's drug store.

Trunks, 15 cents. Davis' 10 cent del Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-24
Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps, etc.—J19d-2mos.

Vive Cameras, Opera House drug store. Irwin's Rock balm is a reliable cough and cold cure.

Monday evening or Tuesday morning the people will hear all about the assignments of Methodist ministers by Bishop Walden at the Rushville conference.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, road wagons, and also the old reliable Peter Schuttler and Moline farm wagons.—July 19-d&w2mo

Considerable progress has been made this week in placing the stone curbing for the street paving on North Main street. It is in place on both sides of the street between Packard and Pugh streets.

The Endeavor society of the Tabernacle will meet Sunday evening at 6:15 instead of Monday evening. This change is made necessary on account of the "Milkmaids' Convention," which will be held that evening.

One to five applications of Doan's Ointment will cure the worst case of itching Piles there ever was. Can you afford to suffer tortures when a simple, never-failing remedy is at hand? It never fails. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

To those who have not visited the Feeble Minded Institute at Lincoln a splendid opportunity will be given, when the P. D. & E. runs its excursion on Thursday, September 23, at low rates. Do not fail to avail yourself of this splendid opportunity.

All Odd Fellows' lodges, or members unattached, are invited to participate in the grand parade preceding the dedication of the Girls' Cottage at the Orphans' Home at Lincoln, Thursday, September 23. Excursion train and cheap rates via the P. D. & E.

Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's true remedy for constipation and kindred ills. It acts directly on the bowels, the liver, the skin, and imparts strength to the digestive organs. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

Alderman Watson is still able to be around to attend to business. He is on duty every day at his grocery store, and it is said he has been having an unusually large number of callers, who are very solicitous as to his health. All are glad to see him strong and vigorous and doing well.

Marie, daughter of Frank Webb and wife, celebrated her eighth birthday by entertaining a number of her little friends at the residence of her parents on West Wood street from 2 to 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The children played games and enjoyed dainty refreshments. They were delightfully entertained by their jolly little hostess, Marie.

The damage case of Mrs. Belle Harvey against the Penwell coal company at Pana will come up in the circuit court at Taylorville next Monday. The attorneys for the plaintiff are Leforge & Lee and D. Hutchinson, of Decatur. The husband of the plaintiff was accidentally killed in the Pana mine in 1895, caused by the alleged defective roof of the mine.

The Burgoon picnic at Kretzer's lake will be given by the young people of the Harristown Christian church on Tuesday, September 21. Burgoon soup and refreshments of all kinds that can reasonably be expected at a picnic will be furnished during the day and evening. There will be field sports during the afternoon in which everybody is invited to participate. Come everybody.—J17 2s

A year ago last December Miss Anna Irish, of Decatur, fell down an elevator shaft at the Academy of the Visitation at St. Louis. She was badly injured, and as a result has brought suit at St. Louis for \$10,000 against the academy. She claims she was a pupil and boarder at the academy and fell through the elevator shaft. Her body was crushed and bruised, she says, and she was otherwise injured. She charges the defendant with carelessness in not having the elevator shaft properly guarded.

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season of the year your feet feel swollen and hot and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures and prevents swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it 10-DAY. Sold by druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y.

M. L. VAUGHN AT LIBERTY.

Serious Charge Against a Father will be Withdrawn.

Martin L. Vaughn, the chief train dispatcher for the Wabash, on complaint of his wife was arrested at about midnight at his home last night on North College street for having made an alleged criminal assault upon his eldest daughter, aged about 16 years. He was taken in custody by Captain Muthersbaugh and held until today. It seems that an awful mistake was made in the lodgement of the charge. Mr. Vaughn admits that he embraced his daughter, mistaking her in the dark for his wife, with whom he had had a little difference, and that he had approached the cot on which his daughter was sleeping believing that his wife was there. There was no attempt at a criminal act and there would have been no cause for any alarm had not the daughter become frightened at being touched while she was asleep. Mr. Vaughn had a talk with his wife this forenoon and full explanations of a satisfactory nature were made. Mr. Vaughn has been released from custody. The publication in reference to the affair has been extremely humiliating to the family and to Mr. Vaughn, inasmuch as there was no truth whatever in the intentions or act of the accused as given in print. Mr. Vaughn has been in the employ of the Wabash for a long term of years and has always had the full confidence of the officials of the road.

This forenoon while at police headquarters when asked the facts in the case, Mrs. Vaughn stated to a Republican reporter that a mistake had unfortunately been made; that her husband had only embraced his daughter and had not attempted a criminal assault.

It has been stated that Mr. Vaughn had been drinking on Thursday. This statement Vaughn emphatically denies and states that he can prove that he was not intoxicated at any time.

This afternoon Mr. Vaughn appeared before Justice Hardy and gave \$500 bond for his appearance for preliminary trial on the charge of assault which had been made in due form this morning by Mrs. Vaughn before she had her interview with her husband at the jail. It is understood that there will be no prosecution when the case comes to trial. Then the matter will probably be dismissed and the bondsmen released.

This morning the mother of Mr. Vaughn, who has been making her home with him, left the dwelling, finding no accommodations at a neighboring house. Mr. Vaughn will find her a permanent place of abode elsewhere, and for the present at least will not reside with his wife.

The day set for the hearing is Monday next at 8 a. m. The bondsmen are R. T. Williams and James E. Stumpf. Attorney Buckingham represents Mr. Vaughn.

It is gratifying to Mr. Vaughn to know that all of his friends and associates in the city, when they read the story in the morning papers, at once refused to believe it. They believed him incapable of committing such an unnatural act.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET.

Gathering of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Representatives.

Elaborate preparations are under way for the entertainment of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows at Lincoln next Thursday. The county lodges are pledging delegations, and there is strong competition in this section of the country to make the biggest showing. Four hundred dollars is being raised for bands, races and fireworks. The sovereign grand lodge, escorted by the grand lodge of Illinois, will witness the dedication of the girl's dormitory. An imposing parade will take place to and from the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, including six to ten bands and 2000 members, of the order. They will march under arches of flags and evergreen, and the national colors will flutter all along the route.

Springfield's preparations for the sovereign grand lodge are going forward rapidly. The local committee have put up packets containing a copy of the official program, a souvenir booklet in white and gold, embossed work, invitations to the various functions, tickets to city entertainments and transportation to Lincoln to be given the delegates. The visitors will be received Monday evening at the executive mansion. The grand representatives will hold an informal reunion Tuesday night at the First M. E. church. There will be a trolley ride Wednesday. Thursday will be spent at Lincoln. The flags of all nations where Odd Fellowship exists will be displayed in representative's hall. Governor Tanner has arranged for the decoration of the east entrance of the capitol. Four double arches are being built at the corner of the square.

Among the important matters to come before the lodge is the revision of the Rebekah ritual. The committee on appeals, who make the laws of the order consists of W. S. Hooper, a prominent attorney, of Bath, Me.; William G. Nye, prominent in business and political life at Minneapolis; G. A. Keller, chairman, of Mr. Vernon, Ill.; J. J. Thomas, of Salt Lake City; Samuel Adams, of Belfast, Me.; Maj. F. M. Huffer, of Virginia City, Nev.; W. L. Kuykendall, of Wyoming, and R. T. Daniels, of Georgia. All but the last two are now at Springfield.

FUNERAL OF MRS. FORD.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alice Ford will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Church of God. The services will be conducted by Rev. Finley and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—D. R. Alexander was in Bement today on a business trip.

—A. B. Alexander arrived home today from Lithfield.

—Attorney C. C. Leforge arrived home last night from Taylorville.

—Henry A. Wood and wife are visiting friends in Chicago.

—Attorney Hugh Crea is at St. Louis on professional business.

—W. H. Starr returned home yesterday from Harrisburg, Pa., where he went to attend the funeral of his uncle, Hiram Starr.

—Attorneys J. M. Gray and J. T. Whitely went to Niantic today to look after a law suit.

—J. K. Pope and family, of Morrisonville, arrived in the city last night. They are guests of Ald. J. L. Drake.

—F. S. Parmelee, the crack trap shooter, who has been visiting C. M. Powers, left the city today.

—W. H. Starr has returned from Harrisburg, Pa., where he attended the funeral of his uncle, Hiram Starr.

—Attorney Will Quinlan arrived in the city today to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Quinlan.

—Miss Matthews, of Jacksonville, who has been in the city visiting Miss Eugenia Harris, left yesterday for Chicago.

—Mrs. Guy Stanley left today for Hammond, Ill., to join her husband, who will locate in that place.

—Rev. J. W. Boggess, who resides in the northern part of the state, is in the city to visit his family.

—Miss Irene Shellabarger will leave soon for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will attend school.

—Miss Cora Hamilton, who is employed in the office of the circuit clerk, has gone to Coffeen, Ill., to visit friends.

—Miss Emma Middleton, of Dallas, Texas, who was called here on account of the death of her father, J. R. Gorin, has returned to her home.

—W. F. Magee and family and James A. Sine and family have gone to Durant, Miss., where they will occupy a farm which they recently bought.

—L. C. King, who has been acting as operator for the Wabash at Lithfield, was in the city today to visit his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. King.

—Coroner Jesse Bendure and wife have returned home from Cincinnati, where the coroner attended the convention of the National Cemetery association.

—Mr. and Mrs. Moses Stafford, who have been at Saylor Springs for the benefit of Mr. Stafford's health, returned home last evening. Mr. Stafford was improved by his visit at the springs.

STATE CONVENTION.

Prominent Members of the Association Who will be Here on That Occasion.

The state convention of the Y. M. C. A., which is to be held in this city October 21 to 24, will bring together some prominent workers in the association. Among the speakers will be John R. Mott, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation. He is a worker among the college men of the country. Among the other who will be leaders at the convention are Richard C. Morse, the general secretary of the international committee. Robert Weidemann, the veteran traveling secretary of the international committee; Charles M. Morton, the first secretary of the state association; Dr. W. M. Lawrence, the pastor of the Second Baptist church, of Chicago; Fred L. Willis, the general secretary of the Omaha, Neb., association; L. W. Messer, the general secretary of the Chicago association, and Frank W. Ober.

In Illinois there are 15,000 members of the Y. M. C. A. and these will be represented at the convention by about 500 delegates. The expense to the delegates will not be great as a one and one-third fare for the round trip has been secured on the railroads and the visitors while in the city will be entertained by the members of the different churches.

A Surprise.

There was a very pleasant surprise party given on South Broadway on Miss Edna Schultz in honor of her 16th birthday. Refreshments were served. Those present were May Kirk, Viva Order, Gene Lierzy, Augusta Combs, Amy Bray, May Smilzer, Minnie Brown, Edna Schultz, Leilah Hardy, Clara Durbin, Ben Young, Earl Combs, Roy Biny, Fred Sice, Louis Bear, George Williamson, Frank Pearl, Bert Mason and Arthur Jimison.

Attention, G. A. R.

The members of Dunham Post, No. 141, G. A. R., are requested to meet at the post hall at 1:30 o'clock Sunday to attend the funeral of E. F. Fuller, late member of the 116th Illinois Infantry. W. F. Calhoun, Post Commander. R. P. Lytle, Adjutant.

Harvey Kinser's Case.

In the county court Harvey Kinser will have to answer charges of disorderly conduct and for carrying concealed weapons. He will be given an opportunity to make a defense, but it is probable that he will plead guilty, and take the jail sentence.

Horse Stolen.

A bay mare belonging to Ben Glover was stolen yesterday evening. The horse was taken from the barn at the rear of the residence in Riverside place. The matter was reported to the police but no traces of the horse have yet been found.

YELLOW FEVER EXPERIENCE.

Manager George Brown, of the Central Union, Passed Through Two Sieges, Mr. George Brown, manager of the Central Union Telephone company at Bloomington, recalls his experience in Memphis during the great yellow fever scourge in the seventies and later in 1885. He told a Pantagraph reporter yesterday some things about the disease and the way the people act in a city that is blighted by its presence.

"The fever," said he, "comes on suddenly and does its work with incredible swiftness. You meet a friend in the morning and he seems perfectly well. He takes a drink of water and in an hour he is down. Everyone deserts him and by night he may be dead and before the next morning his remains are beneath the earth. During one of the plagues I was a picket on the limits of Memphis. No one was permitted to enter or leave. The orders of the authorities were imperative and the terrors and entreaties of women to see their husbands or children were of no avail. The strictest and closest watch is kept on every movement and it is death by gunshot to disobey orders or instructions. No one who has not seen something of terrorizing influences of the fever upon those not down with it can understand or realize to what extent people will go. Decatur, Tenn., was depopulated in one day, and 12,000 were said to have left it. Thousands of these people wandered aimlessly in the woods for days.

"I escaped from Memphis once in a river boat. I and three friends stole the boat in the night and got away by a miracle. We dared not row down stream so we worked our way northward, finally reaching a steamer, which took us aboard and carried us to St. Louis.

"I had the fever the first time it struck the city after I became a resident. For one whole day I was alone and had no water to drink. The suffering and agony were simply indescribable and unimagined. A friend came to me at night and I received medical attention and got well. "The fever may be cured, if attention is given in time. I remember during the first scourge whisky was set out in public places. Tin cups were attached to the barrels and people drank freely. If you keep drunk you have some show of escaping the fever. Whisky seems to be the best preventive.

"The dead were hauled away in rough wooden boxes, six and seven in a load and buried in trenches. I have seen wagons waiting for a man to die. The attendant knew his minutes were numbered and the wagon would wait until he had breathed his last, and then carry his body away before it was cold."

TENDERFEET

Turn your toes to Folrath & Hardy, the Professors of Foot Comfort and Past Masters of Shoe Style.

Wear Folrath & Hardy's worthy Shoes and you will be on Easy Street without going to Dawson City.

Consult Folrath & Hardy when your feet need to be treated to a new pair of shoes.

They are the Old Doctors of Shoedom.

Folrath & Hardy opens the new trails. The first man to advertise a \$3.00 Shoe for man or woman, and put \$4.00 worth of wear in that shoe.

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The first man to make a Shoe Store so popular that all Illinois knows of it.

The first man to bring the rich man and the working man together in one store—Folrath & Hardy hold the trade of both.

The first man to prove that \$20.000 worth of shoes can be sold by one firm in one year in Decatur.

You don't have to live in Decatur to know Folrath & Hardy or to wear their good shoes.

Send money by mail from anywhere—either \$2.00 or \$3.00—say what your size is and what style of shoe you like best and Folrath & Hardy will guarantee you the best shoe bargain you ever had.

Folrath & Hardy.

Sellers of Shoes for all mankind. Sign of the Old Cobbler in the window, 152 East Main street.

Cigars. Cigars. Havanaettes.....100 for \$1.75 Little Diana.....100 for \$1.50 5 for .10

Special prices to the trade. For sale at L. CHODAS'S NEWS ROSES.

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Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



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Sovereign Grand Lodge Co.

This Morning in Springfield

Delegates from All the W

THE CITY BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED

City Overrun with Odd Fellows

are Visitors—The Governor I

Address—Response by t

Grand Sire.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 26.—The

gaily decorated here for the grand lodge of the Independent Odd Fellows, which holds its session here during the week. The overrun with members of the order, from every state and in Europe, Canada, Australia and foreign places. At the opening Governor Tanner and others addresses of welcome. Grand Carleton, of Austin, Tex., respon

NEGRO OR NOBOD

A Georgia Town will Accept a Negro Master or Will Have No Postmaster the Result of Attempted Murder.

Washington, Sept. 20.—President Kinley and his advisers have taken up the gauntlet thrown down by Georgia Democrats, and within time all the power of the government be thrown around the person and official position of the negro governor at Hogenaville. The administration has decided after careful thought that the shooting of Postmaster was a deliberate attack on the government, and as such must be to the last extremity. One of the officials of the administration, after close consultation with the president, said today:

"We have had inspectors at others are to be put in the vicinity of Hogenaville at a president accepts the response will not consent to have his authority by a Georgia town. From on it will be a fight between the people of Hogenaville and the whole government at Washington. The government will be of his place. If Loflin lives, he will be protected. The district attorney instructed to take up the shooting and punish the criminals if he can. Postoffice inspectors will report of the situation. The postoffice will either get through the regular postoffice all. If they want to do with mail, that is their privilege, but not receive or send letters from village except through Loflin or his son. If the ex-postmaster or attorney presumes to handle the mail arrested and sent to the postoffice. The postal clerks on the railroads instructed to recognize only the letter or his deputies. There will be way measures, because the government from the postoffice that an attack has been made. The authority of the federal government amounts almost if not quite to a fact that we have only than 20 negro postmasters.

"Postmaster General Gary I man and fully understands the south. He was in sympathy efforts to build up a white and in deference to his views was unusually careful. Postmaster was a man of good character, a teacher, and a high grade speaker. The people in Hogenaville to rent him an office, comp handle the mail in his own finally employed the ex postmaster and deliver mail for all for the town. This was sufficient, but when murder and possibly accomplished, once is at an end. It is impossible to have no negro postmaster plenty of communities in the three quarters, and some tenths of the people are negroes. The appointment of a master is almost inevitable. Master General Gary, who, in partnership with southern friends, agrees with the president that he has reached the stage where he must be met and punished. Master in the United States appointed, is an officer of the and as such is entitled to full whether he be white or colored. Some out of our way to the southern people, but in where this has been unenvied and as such is entitled to full. A colored man sits in court absurd to any they can not